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Between 10 and 31 August 1954, Soviet naval vessels were seen in the Baltic Sea. The following details were obtained:

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Date	Time	Position	Class	Type	Course	Speed	Remarks
10, 11, 12, August	0800	between buoy 1 and 2; approached Swinoujscie West	minesweepers	Ex-USYMS			One of the boats was in station at buoy 2; a strong rope, to which a considerably stronger cable was fixed, suspended aft of the boats in the water; the 4 boats had 2 flags each; a yellow square flag with a black circle in the center on top and below, a dirty white or grey flag; 3 of the boats headed for the boat station, turned, and returned on the same route; sweeping activity was also noticed on 10, 11, 12 August.
10 August	0435	2 sea miles east-north-east (N 59-15, E 22-10)	submarine	?	east		-
13 August	1000	16 sea miles west of Lenin-grad light vessel	speedboats				-
18 August	1500	near Dagerort	destroyer	Ex-German	Approx. 60-80 degrees	25-27	Length approx. 130 meters; turret with twin-barreled AA gun on foc'sle; above, directly at the bridge a gun on a platform; a straight bridge with wide bridge wing; trailing edge of bridge, a pole mast anchored to the stack; 2 stacks, that to the aft smaller and shorter than that forward; sheer in deck at trailing edge of first stack; between stacks, torpedo mounting; aft of second stack an island; between this and destroyer island, another torpedo mounting; a gun on quarterdeck; heavily inclined stern.

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19 August	0730	Sursari-South	guard-boats	?	west		Boats were painted grey and in good condition; unusually large crew; the boats had 4 hatches, each with a small gibbet at starboard and larboard side.
19 August	1100	Narvi	guard-boats	?	?	?	Similar to German speedboats; flat bridge; on the foc'sle and quarter-deck each, 1 automatic weapon; the 2 boats flew the green flag of the border guard service.
22 August	0718	from Kronshtadt road as far as Seyskari Island	submarine chaser	KRONSHADT	-	-	Ship escort.
25 August	1700	Oderbank	submarine chaser	KRONSHADT			Put to sea from Swinoujscie; flew the pennant of a captain or division leader; numerous naval and army officers were on the bridge.
27 August	1000	N 60-05, E 27-24.5	minesweepers	?			Tripod mast, a stack, modern boats, T-43 Class. The 2 boats recovered mine sweeping equipment which they had previously put out; the international flag G was on the signal yard at starboard side and a black ball at the larboard signal yard.
27 August	1420	N 60-01, E 29-10	destroyers	SKORYY Class	?	?	-
27 August	1425	N 60-02.5, E 29-11	minesweeper		east	medium	
27 August	1522	N 60-00, E 29-34	submarine chasers	KRONSHADT			Entering Kronshtadt.

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Date	Time	Position	Class	Type	Course	Speed	Remarks
28 August	0730	off Cape Domesnaes	guardship	?			Probably of the KRONSTADT Class; escorted [redacted] ship in the Gulf of Riga.
31 August	1400	from Porkkala toward Faldiski	minesweepers	?	-	approx. 8	A total of 8 vessels was seen; [redacted] possibly T-43 class; an undetermined number of buoys painted grey were on each quarterdeck.

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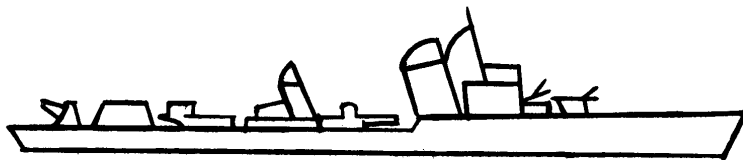


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Destroyer  near

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Dagerort on 18 August 1954.



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